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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09481.0009-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Jeffrey A. HEROUX *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1637
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Application No.: 09/976,437) Examiner: S. Chunduru
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Filed: October 15, 2001)
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For: ASSAYS FOR MEASURING) Confirmation No.: 3932
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NUCLEIC ACID BINDING)
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PROTEINS AND ENZYME)
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ACTIVITIES)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of February 24, 2004. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

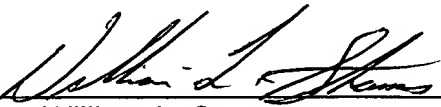
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